(c) whether the increasing additional demand for electricity could be met in the country as per measures adopted during the previous years;

(d) if not, the gap existed between demand and supply during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 separately;

(e) whether the Government have also made assessment in regard to demand during ensuing years,

(f) if so, the percentage of demand for electricity likely to be increased during the ensuing years of the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(g) the steps taken to fill up the gap between demand and supply of Power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) The demand of electrical energy during the last four years has increased, over the previous year, at the following rates .

(% growth)

	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Energy (MU)	5.5	5.9	9 0	10.6

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The overall power availability situation in the country during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96, was as under

(Fig in MU)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Requirement	323252	352260	389721
Availability	299494	327281	354045
Deficit	23758	24979	35676
	(7.3%)	(7.1%)	(9.2%)

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) According to the 14th Electric Power Survey Report, the estimated growth rate in energy requirement and peak load at power station bus-bars in utilities during the 9th Plan would be as under .

(Percentage growth rate)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Energy requirement	7 53	7.49	7 45	7 30	7 17
Peak Load	7.45	7 38	7.33	7 19	7.05

(g) The measures taken to reduce the gap between demand and supply of power include capacity addition, demand side management measures, renovation and modernisation of existing plants, energy conservation, reduction of T&D losses, effective utilisation of generation by transfer from surplus region to deficit region through inter-regional links.

[English]

Telephone Connections

73. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VERMA :
SHRI CHANDRESH PATEL :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications received for opening of STD/ISD, PCO booths in each district of Gujarat during last two years;

(b) the number of applications cleared so far,

(c) the number of applications pending;

(d) the steps taken by the Government for early clearance of these applications; and

(e) the number of applicants of SC/ST, ex-servicemen, women and handicapped cleared among them?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) :(a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Cellphone Recovered in Tihar Jail

74. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN
SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ
SHRI R.L.P. VERMA :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Cellphone recovered from Tihar Jail recently;

(b) if so, whether any inquiry has been conducted in this regard and outcome thereof;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of persons found involved in this case and action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA) : (a) to (d). Two cellular phones were recovered from the possession of two accused persons in the Central Jail, Tihar in the month of June, 1996 The accused persons were : (i) Shri Changeiz Khan and (ii) Shri Brij Bhushan Saran Singh The telephones were sent to the Delhi Police for establishing the indentify of their owners and possible linkages with other individuals/groups. One of the telephones was found to be dys-functional